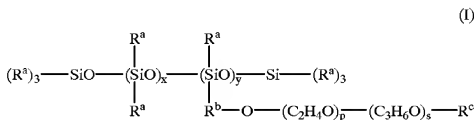


Amendments to the Specification

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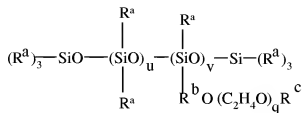
[0016a] An example of silicone polyethers suitable for use in the present invention are compositions having the formula:



where R^a is an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms; R^b is the radical $-C_mH_{2m}-$; R^c is a terminating radical such as hydrogen, an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms, or an aryl group such as phenyl; m has a value of two to eight; p and s have values such that the oxyalkylene segment $-(C_2H_4O)_p-(C_3H_6O)_s-$ has a molecular weight in the range of 400 to 5,000; the segment preferably having 50-99 mole percent of oxyethylene units $-(C_2H_4O)_p-$ and 1-50 mole percent of oxypropylene units $-(C_3H_6O)_s-$; x has a value of 80 to 400; and y has a value of 2 to 10.

[0016b] Preferably, R^a and the terminating radical R^c are methyl groups; m is preferably three or four whereby the group R^b is most preferably $-(CH_2)_3-$; and the values of p and s provide a molecular weight of oxyalkylene segment $-(C_2H_4O)_p-(C_3H_6O)_s-$ of between 1,000 to 3,000. Most preferably, p and s each have a value of about 18 to 28.

[0016c] Another example of a similar and useful silicone polyether is a composition having the formula:



where R^a is an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms; R^b is the radical $-C_mH_{2m}-$; R^c is a terminating radical such as hydrogen, an alkyl group of one to six carbon atoms, or an aryl group such as phenyl; m has a value of two to eight; q has a value of 8 to 16; u has a value of 6 to 12; and x has a value of 1 to 8.

[0016d] In Formula (I) or Formula (II), the silicone polyethers, i.e., siloxane-oxyalkylene copolymers, may take the form of endblocked polyethers in which the linking group R^b the oxyalkylene segments, and the terminating radical R^c , occupy positions bonded to the ends of the siloxane chain, rather than being bonded to a silicon atom in the siloxane chain.

[0016e] Thus, one or more of the R^a substituents attached to the two terminal silicon atoms at the end of the siloxane chain, can be substituted with the segment $-R^b-O-(C_2H_4O)_p-(CH_2O)_8-R^c$ or with the segment $-R^b-O-(C_2H_4O)_p-R^c$.

[0016f] In some instances, it may be desirable to provide these segments in the siloxane chain itself, as well as at one or both of the ends of the chain.

[0016g] Methods for making such silicone polyethers are known in the art, and are described in

detail in standard texts such as *Chemistry & Technology of Silicones*, Walter Noll, Academic Press Inc., 1968, Pages 373-376.